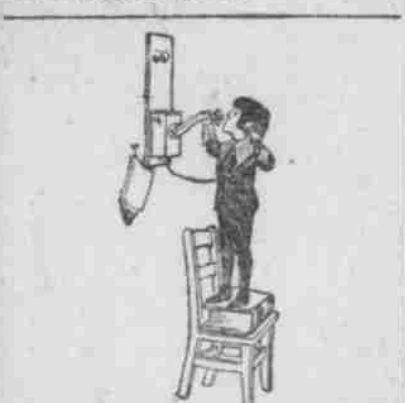


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## Westerly's Experience With The Gale

Hundred Year Old Elm Blown Over, Blocking Traffic and Damaging Lighting Service—Middletown, N. Y. Man After Arthur Fuller—North Stonington-Westerly Road to be Completed by Private Individuals.

The resignation of Judge Charles C. Mumford from the superior court bench was accepted by the house and senate, Wednesday, to take effect March 1. His successor will probably not be appointed until after the state party returns from the Taff inauguration ceremonies. From now on there will be active work in the interests of the several candidates for the office. In fact, beneath the surface, the jobbing has been going on quietly for several weeks, ever since Judge Mumford made known his intention to resign.

Candidates for the judgeship include Judge John W. Sweeney of Westerly; Judge Christopher M. Lee, Attorney General; William B. Greenough and John S. Mumford of Providence.

The Rhode Island State Temperance league's tenth annual convention will be held next Tuesday, when the resignation of Charles J. Dutton of Westerly as assistant superintendent, will be acted upon. Reports will be made by Rev. Albert B. Cristy as superintendent; Charles J. Dutton as financial agent; Rev. Allen Brown as secretary; Eben McGregor as treasurer, and George W. Smith, auditor.

The annual address will be by Rt. Rev. William McVicker, president of the organization, followed by an address by Mrs. R. P. Livingston on "The Work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of which she is state president."

The Need and Methods of Restraining the Evil of the Liquor Traffic will be the general theme of discussion. There will be six speakers limited to fifteen minutes each, and they will discuss the following phases of the work: Need of Restraining, Rev. Joseph Cooper of Newport; Method, License or No License, Rev. E. S. Nixon, D.D., of Providence; A Petition as a Condition of a Vote, S. M. Clark of Centerville; Annual or Periodic Vote, Rev. E. L. Smith of Pawtucket; The National Situation Resulting from Local Option Methods, Rev. J. A. Pease of Narragansett; Pier, What Should Be the Relation of the Churches to Our League, Rev. Bowley Green of Providence.

In the superior court at Kingston late Wednesday afternoon the jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the Point Judith oyster case. The action was Oscar T. Drykster against Alston Knowles, charged with taking oysters from a private oyster bed in Point Judith pond.

By the jury's decision in the superior court for Washington county the case now pending unless some new case is brought later the continuing forces remain as far apart as ever as to the legal rights in the pond.

"The bridge that leads to nowhere" is liable to lead to the North Stonington road, as first contemplated. When the Norwich-Westerly trolley road built the steel bridge across the Pawtucket river, provision was made for a public highway on the west side, and the town of Westerly caused a substantial road to be built to the bridge, but the town of North Stonington refused to continue the highway on the Connecticut side, and this condition has existed for over two years.

The road matter was considered at a North Stonington town meeting and rejected on the ground that the proposed new highway, while beneficial to the towns of Westerly and North Stonington, would be detrimental to the town of North Stonington. The proposed tax out on private property near the boundary line of the two towns, and North Stonington declined to make appropriation for building a road through private property, and the chief accommodation of non-residents, but if the property owners built the road according to legal requirements the town might give favorable consideration in the formal acceptance of the road as a public highway.

Now interested residents of Westerly and North Stonington have determined to build, open and give the road to public traffic, without the assistance of the town of North Stonington. Property owners will give the land, others will give posts for fencing, others will give cash, and others labor to have the short route from North Stonington to Westerly open to vehicular traffic at an early date.

Richard B. Wheeler of North Stonington and Horace Vose of Westerly have taken the matter up and propose to raise the funds required by popular subscription.

The northwest gale of Thursday caused general inconvenience to pedestrians, especially to ladies who feared bodily harm as they walked under the squeaking swinging signs over the sidewalks. There are many of these signs in Westerly, too many for public safety.

The dead branches of many trees were snapped off and covered the ground. Dry ropes were made fast to some of the trees in front of the W. D. Hoxie summer residence in the length of the trunk and then being blown down, the trees being weakened by cutting away the roots in laying the granolithic walks last summer. But later in the afternoon three of these trees were blown down.

The gale tended to beat down the sea along the east beach, causing the action of the water to be choppy and churning and covered with whitecaps. It is a peculiar and almost inexplicable fact that a strong northwester always lands large quantities of seaweed on the east beach, and therefore in the ill wind that blows good to the farmers along the beach.

is the latest to identify Albert Fuller, the horse thief, now in the Kingston jail awaiting trial. Mr. O'Malley made positive identification and said he would send another man from Middletown for verification. Before being shown the prisoner by Sheriff Wilcox he gave exact description of "the man who stole a horse and carriage belonging to Mrs. O'Malley. He will endeavor to reach Fuller by a capias and have him indicted and tried in Middletown. This move will be made so as to give him preference over the warrant for Fuller's arrest by Chief Murphy of Norwich, with Sheriff Wilcox.

So numerous have been the inquiries regarding the horse thief, that it has become necessary for Chief Brandfield to engage a clerk to keep even with his correspondence. Fullerton is expected to be in court any time in the future are lessening daily.

**Local Laconics.**  
Miss Birchen, a nurse in Backus hospital, Norwich, is the guest of Mrs. Arthur E. Nash in Westerly.

Thursday's gale caused a sagging of wires that resulted in occasional ringing of the fire alarm bell.

The T. A. Scott company of New London is preparing to resume government contract in dredging the Pawtucket river.

Owing to lack of working capital, the Acme Broom factory in Westerly has closed. The works have paid expenses since the state of the proposed factory building.

A mill engineer from Providence accompanied by Milton S. Steere, inventor of the new narrow fabric loom, was in Westerly Thursday evening examining the sites for the proposed factory building.

Thomas Chapman, once professional baseball player and coach for the Westerly high school team, talked to the baseball team in the gymnasium Thursday afternoon. Principal John H. Swain, who played baseball on his college team, also spoke and expressed the desire that the school have a pennant winning team, next season.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

### Fox Trapping.

Mr. Editor:—My attention has been called to an article in The Bulletin of Dec. 22d, in which the fox hunters of East Brooklyn and Killingly called down the trappers for fair. By the way they talk one would think that the aforesaid fox hunters owned the state of Connecticut, foxes and all; and their wrath is something to make a trapper tremble in his boots. There is no law in Connecticut against trapping foxes, except the use of scented bait. No law against snaring the same, as foxes come under the head of vermin and nothing classed as game can possibly get caught in a fox snare properly set. Still the fox hunter thinks if one of his dogs accidentally gets caught in a fox trap, or snare, that he can do something fearful about it.

These same fox hunters' dogs can chase deer, which is plainly against the law, and it is all right (the dog mentioned in my article is a deer chaser).

As for the value of a foxhound, it is something that does not exist. There is not a foxhound in this state, or any other state, that can be proved to be of any actual value. Thirty years' experience with foxes and hounds proves the above assertion. I have caught as many foxes and dogs as any man in Connecticut, killed a dog yet by catching him in a fox trap or snare. I will give any man \$10 who can show a mark on any dog that was caused by one of my traps.

Perhaps the farmers and people in general are going to be dictated to about what they can do by a few fox hunters whose methods of getting foxes with dog and gun is as far from the times as Tip Van Winkle was when he awoke from his famous sleep. But when they do, I will move into some other state, where the people have more sense than to let a few fox hunters dictate to them. The fox hunter is relegated to the same place as the flintlock musket, and that is where he belongs.

CHAS. E. PICKER  
Fox Trapper.

Elliot, Feb. 20, 1909.

## BRIEF STATE NEWS

**New Britain.**—Mary A. Evans of Colorado Springs, Col., has sold a farm in Newington to Thomas Stalgis.

**Torrington.**—Judge Roraback of the probate court is on a business trip to Great Barrington and Pittsfield, Mass.

**New Haven.**—President and Mrs. Arthur T. Hadley have gone on a western trip. They will be away about two weeks.

**Portland.**—Edwin Werdell of Gildersleeve has returned home after a trip through California and the southern states.

**Milford.**—Harold Hawkins, who recently resigned as local agent of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company, is now with the New Haven Water company.

**Meriden.**—Announcement is made that Miss Edith Andrews of Lewis avenue and Herman Spickett were married last September in Hartford and are now living on Springdale avenue.

**Wallingford.**—The students in the graduating class of the high school have taken the simple gown question in their own hands and decided in favor of the inexpensive costume at graduating exercises.

**Waterbury.**—Governor Lilley Tuesday appointed Miss Anna L. Ward of this city a member of the advisory commission for the appointment of a female deputy factory inspector for the term of six years, commencing Aug. 1, 1909.

**Thomaston.**—The largest town meeting held in years assembled at the town hall Wednesday night for the purpose of laying a tax for the ensuing year. A tax of ten mills was proposed. An amendment was carried, the original motion being carried.

**Bridgeport.**—Senator and Mrs. Archibald McNeil and A. McNeil, Jr., Judge and Mrs. Morris W. Seymour, Charles Gerrish, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Burns, Arthur and F. B. Hastings and wife are among the guests from Bridgeport at Palm Beach, Fla.

**Hartford.**—Rev. James P. Faucon, assistant rector of Christ church, Hartford, who goes to St. Mark's church, New York, the week of April 1, was presented a gold mounted ivory headed cane by the members of the Crusaders' club Monday evening in the parish room of the church.

**Middletown.**—The tug Raymond passed down the river from Hartford Wednesday and is opening the way for traffic to be resumed on the river, and it is expected that within a very few days the regular boats of the Hartford Transportation company will be making their regular trips.

**Groton.**—About 40 Daughters of the American Revolution, the majority of them wearing Colonial costumes, assembled at the home of Mrs. E. P. Douglass, on Thames street, Monday afternoon and paid tribute to George Washington on the 177th anniversary of his birth.

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